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Please amend the specification as indicated:

Please replace paragraph [0001] (using the numbering scheme of U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2005/0055431), with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] The present invention is related to subject matter that is disclosed in co-pending U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 10/654,861, filed on the same day as the present patent application, entitled "ENHANCED CSU/DSU (CHANNEL SERVICE UNIT/DATA SERVICE UNIT) FOR FRAME RELAY OVER DSL," naming Kenneth Roger [.] Jones and Brian A. Gonsalves as inventors, and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph [0015] (using the numbering scheme of U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2005/0055431 (U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/654,858)), with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] As illustrated, data traffic flows between local area networks via their connections to the wide area network. For example, data traffic from a first local area network 106 flows to a second local area network 106 via a first data communication node 108, a first bridge 110, a first DSLAM 112, a first ATM 114 through wide area network 104 and back through the first ATM 114, the first DSLAM 112, to a second bridge 110 and a second data communication node 108. Data communication nodes [[106]] 108 communicate with wide area network 104 according to a frame relay type protocol. A frame relay type protocol is a packet-switching protocol for connecting devices on a wide area network. Transparent to the communication between the data communication nodes 108 and wide area network 104, corresponding bridges 110 transfer encapsulated data traffic to DSL connections 111 to DSLAMs 112. The data traffic is encapsulated according to Frame Relay Over DSL protocol. Note that bridges 110 and DSLAMs 112 encapsulate and de-capsulate the frame relay traffic and do not interpret or re-route the traffic. For example, a more direct communication path between the first local area network 106 and the second local area network 106 would not include the first ATM 114 and wide area network 104.